

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1998

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1998, as introduced, Grove. Vehicles: registration fees.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to charge a registration fee of \$43 on every vehicle or trailer coach, as specified. Existing law also authorizes the imposition of certain additional fees and surcharges, including, among others, an additional fee of \$1 on all motor vehicles to fund local programs relating to vehicle theft crimes.

This bill would require the DMV to clearly identify the \$43 registration fee as the base registration fee on any application for initial registration or renewal of registration, and to clearly identify each additional fee or surcharge added to the base registration fee as a separate and distinct line item on those applications. The bill would also require the DMV to provide with each application a brief description of purpose for each fee or surcharge, and the statutory authority for that fee or surcharge.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

9250. (a) A registration fee of thirty-one dollars (\$31) shall be paid to the department for the registration of every vehicle or trailer coach of a type subject to registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees. This subdivision applies to all of the following:

(1) The initial or original registration, on or after January 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2011, of any vehicle not previously registered in this state.

(2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for which the registration period expires on or after January 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2011, regardless of whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered owner prior to January 1, 2004.

(b) A registration fee of forty-three dollars (\$43) shall be paid to the department for the registration of each vehicle or trailer coach of a type subject to registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees. This subdivision applies to all of the following:

(1) The initial or original registration, on or after July 1, 2011, of any vehicle not previously registered in this state.

(2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for which the registration period expires on or after July 1, 2011, regardless of whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered owner prior to July 1, 2011.

(c) The registration fee imposed under this section applies to all vehicles described in Section 5004, whether or not special identification plates are issued to that vehicle.

(d) Trailer coaches are subject to the registration fee provided in subdivision (a) or (b) for each unit of the trailer coach.

(e) The amounts collected pursuant to the increase in the registration fee as specified in subdivision (b) shall be used only for costs incurred in connection with the regulation of vehicles, including administrative costs for vehicle registration.

(f) *The department shall clearly identify the registration fee required by this section as the “base registration fee” on any*

1 *application for initial registration or renewal of registration. The*
2 *department shall clearly identify each additional fee or surcharge*
3 *added to the base registration fee as a separate and distinct line*
4 *item on the application. The department shall provide with each*
5 *application a brief description of purpose for each fee or*
6 *surcharge, and the statutory authority for that fee or surcharge.*

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